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USDA RELEASES 2007 U.S. ANIMAL HEALTH REPORT

FORT COLLINS, Colo., Nov. 7, 2008--The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) today released the *2007 U.S. Animal Health Report*, which provides a national overview of domestic animal health in the United States.

The report addresses the many components of the U.S. animal health infrastructure; approaches to animal disease surveillance, control and eradication; animal population demographics and new initiatives. In addition, the report describes significant epidemiologic events that occurred in 2007.

The 2007 report includes a chapter devoted to a number of strategic areas specific to the veterinary services mission, including emergency planning and preparedness; avian influenza surveillance; aquatic health; national animal identification and comprehensive, integrated animal-health surveillance. New to the report this year is a chapter on animal health diagnostics and veterinary biologics. This chapter describes, in detail, the fundamental components of the veterinary services infrastructure and how they enhance animal health in the United States.

The *2007 U.S. Animal Health Report* is available on the APHIS Web site at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_health/animal_health2007.shtml.

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